

FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND **JOINT INFORMATION CENTER** COVID-19



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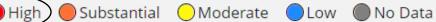
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Frederick County Agency Updates for September 23, 2021

Frederick, MD

Level of Community Transmission in Frederick County, MD: HIGH



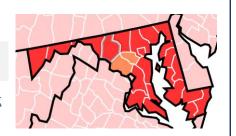








According to CDC, masks are recommended for everyone (including fully vaccinated people) in areas of substantial or high community transmission.



Frederick County Fully Vaccinated

	# Vaccinated	% of County Population
Fully Vaccinated	162,580	62.6%
1 st Doses Given	156,085	60.1%
2 nd Doses Given	145,640	56.1%
Single Doses Given	16,940	6.5%

Confirmed Cases:

22,691 (+43 in last 24 hrs)

Confirmed Deaths: 351 (+1 in last 24 hrs)

7-Day Positivity Rate: 4.60%

Frederick County residents <u>fully vaccinated</u> by age group:

% of Population	% of Population 12+	% of Population 18+	% of Population 65+
12-17 Years of Age	Years of Age	Years of Age	Years of Age
64.4%	76.7%	78.0%	

Please check our dashboard for statistics: http://FrederickCountyMD.gov/COVIDstats.

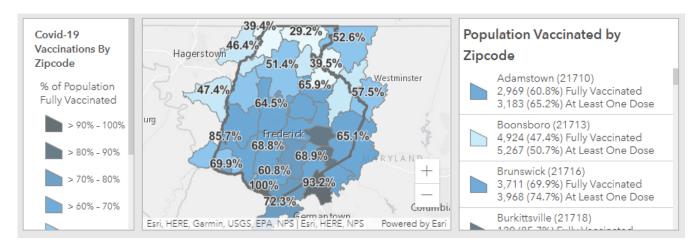
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Newly Added Data

Vaccinations by zip code have been added to the Frederick County COVID-19 <u>Data Dashboard</u>. This information will be updated weekly on Wednesdays.



Update on Booster Doses

U.S. Food and Drug Administration amended the emergency use authorization (EUA) yesterday for the **Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine** to allow for use of a single booster dose, to be administered at least **six months** after completion of the primary series for certain individuals.

Boosters are not currently being offered yet! A few important steps need to take place before boosters for Pfizer become available in Frederick County.

- The CDC Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) needs to meet to make a recommendation on the FDA update.
- Pharmacies and private businesses may take additional time to update their process.

We will update <u>our website</u> as soon as we are able to start giving Pfizer boosters at our local health department vaccination clinics to eligible groups.

If you received Moderna or Johnson & Johnson, there is no update on boosters for these vaccines yet. We will share an update when you boosters are available for you. People who are immunocompromised are still eligible for a 3rd dose of Pfizer and Moderna.

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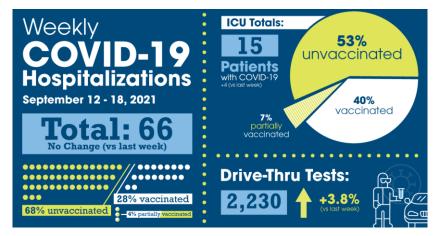


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JIC Partners

Frederick Health Hospital: Frederick Health is posting weekly updates of COVID-19 cases in the hospital and ICU by vaccination status, as well as statistics on their drive-thru testing.

Last week (September 12-18, 2021), Frederick Health Hospital saw no change in the total number of COVID-19 hospitalizations from the previous week. See their weekly update on their Facebook page.



Maryland Trending Questions

What is the Maryland Department of Health doing to combat all of the COVID-19 disinformation that seems so prevalent these days?

The Maryland Department of Health has announced a new social media initiative to combat COVID-19 misinformation and disinformation and ensure that Marylanders have accurate information about life-saving vaccines, the importance of testing, and other COVID-19-related facts. Get more information here.

Has the Mu variant of COVID-19 been detected in Maryland yet?

Since April 13, 2021, there have been 53 confirmed Mu variant cases reported in Maryland. However, the Delta variant is present in more than 95% of all new sequenced cases in the state. This underscores the urgent need for unvaccinated eligible individuals to get a life-saving vaccine as soon as possible to protect against serious illness related to the virus, hospitalization and even death. The majority of new lab-confirmed cases resulting in deaths and hospitalizations are occurring in those individuals that are not vaccinated.

Looking for more COVID-19 information?

Follow <u>GoVaxMaryland</u> on Twitter to get the facts on COVID-19 and vaccines and be sure to check out the live stream Ask An Expert Q&A sessions starting September 23.

Did you miss last week's questions?

You can find out the answer to other trending COVID-19 vaccination <u>questions at covidLink Trending</u> <u>Questions and Answers</u>. Be sure to check out <u>covidLINK</u> for even more information on the COVID-19 vaccine, testing, and contact tracing.

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Frederick Vaccination Update

All Marylanders 12 and older are eligible to get a COVID-19 vaccination. Please note that only Pfizer is authorized for people 12-17 years old. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Frederick County Health Department has clinics in a variety of locations throughout the county. This list can be found at http://frederickcountymd.gov/covidvaccine. New links are added on Mondays.

- Schedule an appointment by going to http://frederickcountymd.gov/covidvaccine or call 301-600-7900 Monday – Friday, 8am-5pm, or call 301-600-7905 for Spanish.
- For other dates/times, check out <u>Frederick Health</u> Hospital and other locations.
- If you need an in-home vaccination, please call 301-600-7900 to schedule.

LYFT Ride Option: Those who need a ride to get vaccinated can visit www.uwfrederick.org/rideunited for more information or can call 301-600-7900 for English or 301-600-7905 for Spanish. The first \$25 of each one-way ride is completely free to the rider.

Childcare option: <u>KinderCare</u>, <u>Learning Care Group</u>, and <u>YMCA</u> are all offering free child care to help parents and caregivers get vaccinated. For more information, visit the provider's website.

accompanied	by a	parent or guardian.
Date	Time	Location
Thursday, Sept. 23	1:30- 2:30	Rescue Mission, 419 W. South St. Frederick, MD 21701
Thursday, Sept. 23	4-7pm	800 Oak Street , Frederick, MD 21703 (entrance off Himes Ave. directions).
Thursday, Sept. 23	5-7pm	Brunswick , Railroad Square, Brunswick, MD 21716
Friday, Sept. 24	10am- 1pm	800 Oak Street , Frederick, MD 21703 (entrance off Himes Ave. directions).
Friday, Sept. 24	11am- 2pm	Child Passenger Safety Day 1601 Bowmans Farm Rd. Frederick, MD 21701
Friday, Sept. 24	5-7pm	Thurmont , 615 E. Main St., Thurmont, MD 21788
Saturday, Sept. 25	10am- 1pm	800 Oak Street, Frederick, MD 21703 (entrance off Himes Ave. <u>directions</u>).
Monday, Sept. 27	1-4pm	Fredericktowne Mall 1317 W. Patrick St. Frederick, MD 21702
Wednesday, Sept. 29	11am- 3pm	Frederick Community College, Building H: room H202/H203 in the Student Center, Frederick MD, 21701
Wednesday, Sept. 29	4-6pm	Lucas Village 111 Pennsylvania Ave. Frederick, MD
Wednesday, Sept. 29	4-7pm	800 Oak Street , Frederick, MD 21703 (entrance off Himes Ave. directions).
Thursday, Sept. 30	1:30- 2:30	Rescue Mission, 419 W. South St. Frederick, MD 21701

For More Information:

Frederick County residents can call 866-411-6803 to reach our local 211 center with general questions about coronavirus or COVID19. Accurate COVID-19 information is critical to the community. For the most current and accurate information about this situation, please refer to the following:

- City of Frederick: https://cityoffrederickmd.gov/covid19
- Frederick County Government: www.frederickcountymd.gov/Coronavirus
- Frederick County Health Department: health.frederickcountymd.gov/coronavirus
- Maryland Department of Health (MDH): <u>coronavirus.maryland.gov</u>
- Centers for Disease Control (CDC): <u>coronavirus.gov</u>

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